

REMARKS

Claims 20-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(3), on the grounds of obviousness from Barlow (US 3,872,904) in view of Colvin. The Examiner acknowledged that Barlow does not disclose curved recesses. Colvin was cited as teaching the equivalence between a transition which is not curved and smooth and a transition which is curved, and the Examiner referred to Figs. 4, 15 and 16 of Colvin. Claim 20 recites "the drive socket surface defining curved recesses between the round lobes and the flat surfaces." In Fig. 4, Colvin discloses curved connecting surfaces 42 between flat surfaces 34 on either side of flat lobes 36. It is respectfully submitted that Barlow and Colvin, whether taken individually or in combination, do not teach, disclose or suggest curved recesses between round lobes and flat surfaces, as is claimed. It is therefore respectfully submitted that Claims 20-23 are novel and inventive over Barlow and Colvin, whether taken individually or in combination, and that the rejection of Claims 20-23 on the grounds of obviousness from Barlow in view of Colvin should be withdrawn.

Claims 20-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) on the grounds of obviousness from Allen in view of Anderson and further in view of Colvin. The Examiner acknowledged that Allen does not disclose a recess provided with rounded lobes, or curved recesses. Anderson was cited as disclosing inwardly directed rounded lobes 34. The Examiner also acknowledged that Anderson does not disclose curved recesses. Colvin was cited as teaching the equivalence between a transition which is not

curved and smooth and a transition which is curved, and the Examiner referred to Figs. 4, 15 and 16 of Colvin. Claim 20 recites "the drive socket surface defining curved recesses between the round lobes and the flat surfaces." In Fig. 4, Colvin discloses curved connecting surfaces 42 between flat surfaces 34 on either side of flat lobes 36. It is respectfully submitted that Barlow, Anderson and Colvin, whether taken individually or in combination, do not teach, disclose or suggest curved recesses between round lobes and flat surfaces, as is claimed. It is therefore respectfully submitted that Claims 20-23 are novel and inventive over Barlow, Anderson and Colvin, whether taken individually or in combination, and that the rejection of Claims 20-23 on the grounds of obviousness from Allen in view of Anderson and further in view of Colvin should be withdrawn.

In light of the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and an early favorable action in this regard is respectfully requested.

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